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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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July 19, 1978
Bangor, Maine

DATE: September 27, 1978

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CLERK: _____

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

PRESENT: Chairman Francis Brown, Bernard Carpenter, Patricia DiMatteo, John Donovan, Alan Elkins, Stanley Evans, Joseph Hakanson, Susan Kominsky, Thomas Monaghan, James Page, Ellen Platz, John Robinson, Elizabeth Russell and Artemus Weatherbee.
Absent: Sawin Millett. Staff: Chancellor McCarthy, William Sullivan, Robert Binswanger, Mary Ann Haas, Howard Neville, Einar Olsen, Stanley Salwak, Kenneth Allen, Donald Beattie, Richard Spath. Press and public.

Chairman Brown convened the meeting. He introduced Mr. John Robinson and Dr. Alan Elkins and welcomed them to membership on the Board. Mr. Brown commended Mr. James Page, the outgoing Chairman, and took note of Dr. Evans' membership on the Board of the Public Broadcasting Service where he has recently been appointed Chairman of the Program Committee and a member of the Executive Committee. Mr. Brown also expressed his confidence in the Chancellor and his staff and in the campus Presidents. The full text of Mr. Brown's remarks is appended to the file of these Minutes.

On motion made and seconded, the Minutes of the Board meeting of May 24, 1978 were APPROVED as circulated.

Law School Designation. Chairman Brown reported that a question has arisen about the name of the Law School as a result of the action taken by the Board at the last meeting changing the name of the Portland-Gorham Campus to the University of Southern Maine. To clarify the matter, Mr. Monaghan

MOVED: That the School of Law will continue to be known as the University of Maine School of Law and concurrently will be housed within the organizational structure of the University of Southern Maine.

The motion was seconded and VOTED.

Report of the Chancellor. Chancellor McCarthy commended Mr. Page and welcomed the new Chairman and new Trustees. The thrust of his report dealt with the ongoing planning process at the University of Southern Maine and the development of the academic planning document which is on the agenda for Board action at this meeting.

Trustee Committee Assignments. On motion made and seconded, it was Voted to ratify the Chairman's committee assignments for the coming year, a complete listing of which is appended to the file of these Minutes.

Student Committee Appointments. On motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to appoint student representatives to committees of the Board for the coming year as follows:

Sandra Bovard, BCC	Physical Plant Committee
Jamie Eves, UMO	Student Affairs Committee
Dennis McCannell, UMFK	Educational Policy Committee
Lance Wieland, USM	Finance Committee

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Personnel and Employee Relations Committee. Dr. Donovan reported for the Committee.

1. Faculty Representation on Board Committees. Dr. Donovan reported that the Board has reviewed its relationship with faculty representatives in the context of collective bargaining activity and he offered a

MOTION: that the Chairman appoint a committee
to study the means of assuring appropriate
involvement of the faculty with Board Committees.

The motion was seconded and VOTED. To implement the action, the Chair appointed Trustees Donovan, Kominsky and Robinson to the committee which will work with the Chancellor's staff and the University's Legal Counsel to develop a recommendation, for the September meeting, if possible.

2. Appointment - Dean of Academic Affairs, UMA. Dr. Donovan Moved the Committee's recommendation for:

the appointment of Roger A. Richards to the
position of Dean of Academic Affairs at the
University of Maine at Augusta, at an annual
salary of \$28,000, effective August 14, 1978.

The motion was seconded, discussed and VOTED.

3. Appointment - Dean of the College of Education, UMO. On motion of Dr. Donovan which was seconded, discussed, it was

VOTED: to authorize the appointment of Robert A. Cobb
to the position of Dean of the College of
Education at the University of Maine at Orono,
at an annual salary of \$29,000, effective
July 19, 1978.

4. Appointment - Dean of the College of Engineering and Sciences, UMO.
On motion of Dr. Donovan which was seconded, it was

VOTED: to authorize the appointment of James L. Clapp
to the position of Dean of the College of
Engineering and Sciences, Director of the
Technology Experiment Station, and Professor
of Civil Engineering, at the University of
Maine at Orono, at an annual salary of \$34,500,
effective October 15, 1978.

5. Appointment - Chairman, Health and Human Services, UMO. On motion of Dr. Donovan which was seconded, it was

VOTED: to authorize the appointment of Robert C. White to the position of Chairman and Associate Professor, Health and Human Services, at the University of Maine at Orono, at an annual salary of \$24,000, plus a \$3,000 administrative stipend, effective September 1, 1978.

6. Appointment - Professor of Management, USM. On motion of Dr. Donovan which was seconded, it was

VOTED: to authorize the appointment of William Sturner as Professor of Management at the University of Southern Maine at a salary of \$24,000, beginning September 1, 1978.

7. Classified Employees Handbook Revisions. Dr. Donovan presented for formal approval, the revisions to the Handbook which reflect changes in the compensation package authorized by the Board at the last meeting. On motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to approve the revisions to the Classified Employees Handbook as listed.

8. Collective Bargaining. Dr. Donovan reported that the Committee had received an update on collective bargaining activity on which no action was required.

Student Affairs Committee. Mrs. Kominsky reported that Committee activities for the past year had been reviewed and suggestions requested for agenda items for future meetings. The open forum format which has been well received on the campuses will be repeated at Fort Kent for the September meeting.

Finance Committee. Mr. Weatherbee reported for the Committee.

1. Student Activity Fees, 1978-79. Mr. Weatherbee presented the Committee's recommendation and on motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to confirm the campus Student Activity Fees for 1978/79:

	<u>1977/78</u>	<u>1978/79</u>	<u>Increase</u>
UMA	\$20	\$20	\$ 0
UMF	35	35	0
UMFK	30	30	0
UMM	35	35	0
UMO			
undergraduate	20	25	5
graduate	10	25	15
BCC	40	40	0
UMPI	30	30	0
USM	24	24	0
School of Law	12	12	0

2. Authorization for Treasurer to Sell Stock. Mr. Weatherbee took note of a minor amendment in the recommendation which corrected the reference to the "President" of the Board of Trustees to Chairman, and reported the Committee's recommendation for approval as amended. In response to questions, he indicated that the action was intended to provide specific authorization, which does not now exist, for the Treasurer to dispose of stock. At present such authorization is vested solely in members of the Board and Legal Counsel has advised that the Treasurer should be so authorized in the interest of good management practice. On motion of Mr. Weatherbee, which was seconded, it was

VOTED: that each of the Chairman of the Finance Committee, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and the Treasurer of this Corporation, acting singly, be and hereby is authorized and directed in his discretion to sell, assign, and transfer any and all securities owned by or standing in the name of this corporation; also, in his discretion to execute proxies, consents, deposit and protective agreements, and to perform such other acts as may be essential to the expeditious administration of the endowment funds and other securities of this corporation and the rights and duties incident thereto; and that this vote supercedes all previous authorizations pertaining to the disposition of securities and shall remain in full force and effect until rescinded.

3. University Scholarships. Mr. Weatherbee presented the Committee's recommendation for continuing the various unrestricted Trustee scholarships into a single program. He reported that during Committee discussion, a sentence was added to the proposed resolution to clarify the intention that these scholarship funds may be awarded either on the basis of need or for academic excellence. On motion of Mr. Weatherbee, which was seconded, it was

VOTED; that all scholarships (excluding Indian Scholarships) funded from unrestricted revenues, previously approved by the Board of Trustees, be designated University Scholarships, effective FY 80. These scholarships will provide aid to those students in need of financial assistance and/or in recognition of academic excellence.

4. Gifts, Grants and Awards. Mr. Weatherbee presented the Committee's recommendation for acceptance of gifts. In view of the large number of donations for athletic scholarships at Orono, Mrs. Kominsky inquired whether campus fund raising efforts were consistent with Board policy limiting the number and size of grants awarded under this program. President Neville indicated that funds pledged for this purpose will provide fewer scholarships than authorized by Board policy. Mr. Monaghan suggested that it might be appropriate to discuss athletic scholarship

issues at some point. On motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to accept with gratitude all gifts, grants and awards listed under the date of July 19, 1978, a copy of which is appended to the file of these Minutes.

5. Information Items. Mr. Weatherbee briefed the Trustees on three items received by the Committee for information only;

- 1) the annual review and approval of the appropriation request will be on the agenda for the September meeting;
- 2) the salary study is nearing completion and the staff expects to present a final report at the September meeting, with recommendations for faculty and professional staff, and an information report on classified employees.
- 3) an auditor search is underway in response to a request from the Audit Committee for an opportunity to review the audit relationship and for other audit firms to submit proposals if they choose to do so. Mr. Weatherbee stressed that the Committee's request for review is motivated solely by its interest in periodic evaluation as a matter of sound management practice and not due to any concern about the present auditing firm.

Physical Plant Committee. Mr. Carpenter reported for the Committee.

1. College Housing Loan Program. Mr. Carpenter presented the Committee's recommendation for Board authorization for the staff to pursue federal funding under the College Housing Loan Program for permanent financing of the UMO Student Housing Project which, if successful, could reduce the cost of debt service on the project. On motion of Mr. Carpenter, which was seconded, it was

VOTED: to authorize the submission of a loan application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, College Housing Loan Program, for up to \$2 million for the UMO Student Housing Project approved by the Board of Trustees on January 25, 1978.

2. Information Items. Mr. Carpenter took note of the capital construction projects and major plant repairs which are underway and proceeding on schedule.

3. Motor Vehicle Regulations, UMF - Amendment. On motion of Mr. Carpenter, which was seconded, it was

VOTED: to adopt Amendment #4 dated June 30, 1978 to the Motor Vehicle Regulations for the University of Maine at Farmington effective August 1, 1978.

Educational Policy Committee. Mr. Monaghan reported for the Committee.

1. USM Academic Plan. Mr. Monaghan reported that the detailed and complex Plan had been debated at length in the Committee session, with most of the Trustees present for the discussion, and that a recommendation for Board action had been developed which had the unanimous support of the Committee. Before presenting the recommendation, he invited Dr. Spath, the Academic Planner, to summarize the principle components of the Plan. Dr. Spath commended the university community at USM for a concerted and cooperative effort and identified the major aspects of the Plan:

- a) concept of a university core curriculum;
- b) coursework to be scheduled on the basis of student demand;
- c) program to be integrated with no distinction between day/evening students;
- d) the College of Arts and Sciences to remain a single college;
- e) the School of Business and Economics be changed to Business, Economics and Management;
- f) establishment of a College of Nursing and Allied Health and
- g) establishment of a College of Education and Human Services;
- h) deferred admissions programs to be attached to CAS;
- i) Continuing Education to continue to be responsible for non-matriculated students.
- j) administration of non-credit courses to be responsible for an Office of Public Information and Community Services;
- k) the question of combining the Library and Educational Media to be deferred;
- l) CRAS to work more closely with all the other schools and colleges.

Following Dr. Spath's summary of the principle components of the academic plan, Dr. Allen, Acting President, spoke briefly focusing his remarks on the nature of the institution with its two sites, different philosophies and attitudes. He expressed confidence that the academic plan constitutes a first step toward bringing the university community together and the establishment of a second University Center in the State.

Mr. Monaghan indicated that the Educational Policy Committee had discussed each of the recommendations individually and had found most of them acceptable. The Committee had reservations about Allied Health Sciences as a component of a School of Nursing and also about Human Services as a component of a College of Education, and these questions have been deferred for further study. Mr. Monaghan then moved the Committee's recommendation for Board action on the Plan, which was seconded and

VOTED: that the Board of Trustees accept in principle the "Academic Plan for the University of Southern Maine", and authorize further study with regard to the appropriate placement of human services and of allied health: the administration will develop cost estimates and take preliminary action as necessary and appropriate, reporting back to the Board in September, 1978 for review and approval.

Subcommittee on Public Broadcasting. Mrs. Platz who chairs this subcommittee, reported on recent activities. For the benefit of new Trustees, she indicated the committee was established to provide a focus for the Board's responsibilities for all telecommunications activities licensed to the University by the FCC. The committee will be kept advised of public broadcasting activity both on the national and state levels, and of the major activities of MPBN. She reported that at recent meetings the committee has discussed issues relating to instructional television, fundraising, affirmative action plans and progress at MPBN, and the ongoing negotiations for improved coordination and cooperation between MPBN and WCBB. With the assistance of Dr. Evans, Lay Representative to the Public Broadcasting Service, the Committee will keep the Board informed of the implications of proposed national legislation for financing and policy making efforts of individual networks, and of public broadcasting issues, generally.

Schedule of Meetings 1978-79. Chairman Brown presented the proposed schedule for the upcoming year. In response to Mr. Monaghan's question about the proposal for bi-monthly rather than monthly sessions, Mr. Brown indicated that he would try to provide an opportunity, perhaps in a special meeting, for full discussion of the Board's operating procedures, and that it would be appropriate to consider alternatives to the proposed schedule at that time. On motion made and seconded, the schedule was adopted as presented. A copy is appended to the file of these Minutes.

Date of Next Meeting. Chairman Brown announced that the next meeting would be held on September 26 and 27 on the campus of the University of Maine at Fort Kent.

On motion of Dr. Evans, which was seconded, it was Voted to adjourn to executive session to confer with legal counsel on matters concerning pending litigation.

At the conclusion of the executive session, the meeting was adjourned.

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Clerk of the Board